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He sendeth forth springs into the valleys;
They run among the mountains:
They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild asses quench their thirst.
By them the fowl of the heaven have their habitation,
They sing among the branches.
He watereth the mountains from His chambers:
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of men.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works!
In wisdom hast thou made them all.

Psalm 104: 10-14, 24.
(Moulton's *Modern Readers' Bible*)

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ATTENTION

It is absolutely necessary that all main articles must be in the hands of the Editors by the beginning of the month if they are to appear in that month's issue.

APOLOGY

We regret the late publication date of this issue, but it was unavoidable due to three compositors at the M.P.H being ill just at the time of publication; and coupled with frequent cuts in the electrical supply it has been impossible for our printers to carry out their usual schedule of printing.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Nov. 7	Bukit Mertajam Chinese Church dedication of new playground and church library.
Nov. 6-13	Singapore MYF Week.
Nov. 29	Cambridge Exams begin
Dec. 3.	Day Schools Close
Dec. 9	A.C.G.S. Penang Parents Day and Exhibition
Dec. 10	A.C.G.S. Penang Promotion and Closing Programme
Dec. 10.	Trinity College Class Sessions Close
Dec. 13	Trinity College Exam Week
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Jan. 5	Trinity Second Term Opens
Jan. 10	Day Schools Open

OUR NEXT ISSUE

There will be one more issue this year, a combined November-December issue, which will be our Christmas number.

Meditation Resources

"Seek a convenient time of leisure for thyself, and meditate often upon God's loving kindness."
—Thomas a Kempis.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
who healeth all thy diseases;
who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;
who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
—*Psalm* 103:2-5

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"If our earthly life is only a testing and a training, we need not wonder why there are so many premature withdrawals of bright and promising lives. God does not need the time we need to test a character, nor does He take our view of the importance of a post to which He has set us. Only He can know whether service here, or service yonder, is better for any individual, or for the supreme interests of the Kingdom."
—Moulton, after the death of his son in World War I.

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"It was the New Testament teachers who.... perceived that in its ultimate nature the gospel was not a system of belief but a call to faith and love and righteousness—a power that created a new life. They insisted that in any new construction a place must be given to those elements of the religion which are peculiarly Christian—loyalty to Christ, obedience to his law, love to and of the brethren." —E. F. Scott

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"And there's another country, I've heard of long ago—
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know .
We may not count her armies; we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace." —Sir Cecil Spring-Rice

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"Only a genius can describe a genius: Jesus comes to us through the eyes of men infinitely smaller than Himself: but the whole of subsequent history testifies to the success of their efforts to depict Him. If He defies analysis, He is known to us more vividly than any other figure in history; we know Him far better than Socrates or Julius Caesar, even if we are less able to describe Him. He is real to us as He has been to thousands, real as a sun among the stars." —Canon Raven

"In the years that have been I have bound man closer to man
And closer woman to woman;
And the stranger hath seen in a stranger his brother at last
And a sister in eyes that were strange.
In the years that shall be I will bind me nation to nation
And shore unto shore 'saith our God.'
'Lo! I am the burster of bounds and the breaker of barriers,
I am he that shall free,' saith the Lord.
'For the lingering battle, the contest of ages is ending,
And victory followeth me.' "
—Stephen Phillips

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"I know Thee, Who has kept my path,
And made light for me in the darkness,
Tempering sorrow until it reached me as a solemn joy."
—Browning

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"With all our new-born sensitiveness and delicacy of perception, our love lacks largeness and fixity. It is an emotion rather than a principle. It makes sympathetic, highly strung personalities of us: it does not make us men who are as a hiding-place from the wind and a covert from the tempest. It begets in us a restless passion for service: it does not breed an immutable sense of vocation. It quickens our imaginative insight into the lives of others: it does not lead us so to identify ourselves with the common life of our brethren that we share not so much their sorrows and failures, but the atoning sorrow and sacrifice of the common Saviour.
—E. Herman

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"You cannot rush into the presence of God with any kind of life behind you."

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Prayer

"May we, O Lord, find strength in enduring things which at first we utterly despised and hated. May we know how to make our lower nature serve faithfully, cheerfully, and gladly, our higher; and in all things may we accept the over-rulings of our lower experience, of our physical sensations of our earthly connections, and of our time interests, in behalf of generosity, magnanimity, purity of life, spirituality, and the hope of God and heaven. And we beseech thee that thus we may be led every day as in a Sabbath, finding rest every hour, and every where a sanctuary, and our heart a perpetual altar, and every affection sweet incense. Amen.

(Suggestions to our Readers: Do not read this page at one sitting. Turn to it again and again. Read the Psalm and the prayer each time and then meditate on one of the quotations, be it verse or prose. Only so can the fullest use be made of such a page of Resources.—Ed.)

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EDITORIAL

JUST ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED YEARS ago there lived a Friar by the name of Olivier Millard, who lived bravely, preached eloquently, and wrote forcefully. Among his writings is a delightful and very suggestive parable which he calls "The Maids of the Inn".

THE MAIDS OF THE INN

In the parable he likens the human heart to a wayside inn, but the inn is nothing without the guest. The prosperity of the inn depends upon the guest and without the guest the inn is like a casket without a gem. Friar Millard maintains that to be perfectly equipped the inn needs three serving maids.

The first maid is Prayer. It is her duty to go out and invite the divine Guest to enter. His coming must not be taken for granted. The Saviour will not enter unsought or uninvited. He does as on the road to Emmaus "he made as though he would have gone further" but "They constrained him to enter." We are all familiar with Holman Hunt's famous picture of the Christ knocking at the door, but the door must open from the inside. In the parable we see the maid, called Prayer, looking wistfully along the road, and seeing the Guest approach, she entreats Him to make the inn his resting-place.

The second maid to greet Him is named Obedience. Her duty is to see His every wish instantly and implicitly obeyed. That is where an inn differs from a private house —the inn is mine the moment I enter it and I have the right to assume that all who work in the inn, from the manager to the lowest servant, are there to serve me. Thus, when the divine Guest enters my heart, every thought must be brought into obedience to Him. When he enters He must be enthroned there. His wish is final, His will is absolute, His word is law.

The third maid is named Peace. Her duty is so to enfold the Guest in an atmosphere of hospitality which is at once restful and congenial, that He will feel completely and delightfully at home. I, as an inn-keeper, am wholly dependent on this Guest of mine; if He leaves me then I am of all men most forlorn. It should be the supreme business of my life to make Him so thoroughly at home in my heart that He will abide till the day break and the shadows flee away.

SHOULD OUR SCHOOLS BE CALLED "METHODIST"?

IN 1886 WHEN Mr. and Mrs. William F. Oldham (who later became the much beloved Bishop and Mrs. Oldham) founded the first Methodist boys' school in Singapore, they called it the Anglo Chinese School. It was to be a school primarily for Chinese boys, and as English was the language taught and used, the name Anglo seemed fit and proper. This name has been adopted by most of our schools throughout Malaya although the founders of our large school in Kuala Lumpur saw a new trend and significantly called that school the Methodist Boys' School. The girls' school in Singapore, founded by Miss Sophia Blackmore, likewise chose to link its name with the Church that mothered it. Unfortunately, there have been very many variations in names throughout the country. In Singapore, we have a large girls' school called the Fairfield Girls' School on Neil Road; in Taiping, we have a very large girls' school called the Lady Treacher Girls' School. Among the other girls' schools in the country, some use the title Methodist Girls' School, others Anglo Chinese Girls' School. The unfortunate result of all this is that a great many people throughout the country do not know that the various names are all a part of The Methodist Church in Malaya. It seems to us, for example, that such a school as the Lady Treacher Girls' School should not use that name simply because a woman by that name was instrumental in helping to found it. It ought to be called the Methodist Girls' School and could have a sub-title using the name of Lady Treacher. The same thing should be done with the Fairfield Girls' School. In regard to our many Anglo Chinese Schools there is no longer any necessity of making clear to the public that the medium of instruction is English, and we strongly feel that throughout the country we should adopt for the boys' schools the name Methodist Boys' School, and for the girls' schools, the Methodist Girls' School—the old names can then be given in a sub-title in brackets. We have followed this with real success in regard to our Wesley Churches throughout the country. One notable example is the Wesley Church in Penang. The building is a memorial to the daughter of Bishop Fitzgerald and it was known for a long time as the Fitzgerald Memorial Church. Now it is properly called the Wesley Methodist Church and, in brackets, underneath, "Fitzgerald Memorial." We know perfectly well that all of our readers will not agree with this editorial and we cordially invite relevant correspondence, which we will print as space permits in subsequent issues. The letters should be short and to the point.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS IN HONOUR OF BISHOP AND MRS. EDWIN F. LEE

AT THE SESSION OF THE Malaysia Chinese Conference last January, a resolution was adopted to raise funds for a scholarship to Trinity College in honour of Bishop and Mrs. E. F. Lee. This resolution was then read at one of the sessions of the Malaya Annual Conference which

also agreed "to raise a joint fund to provide scholarships at our Theological College." The untimely death of Bishop Lee on the 14th of September now focuses attention upon these scholarship funds. Nothing has been done thus far by either conference to raise funds for these scholarships nor was there any definite amount indicated at the time of the Conference sessions. It is estimated by the Board of Governors of Trinity College that a full year's scholarship, which will include travel expenses from the recipient's home and return, should be set at $800/- for a year. Such a scholarship would provide food, books, laundry, residential fees, and incidentals. Already, since the receipt of the above tragic news, individuals are suggesting this and that type of memorial to Bishop Lee. We are therefore calling attention to these funds which have been proposed by our two Annual Conferences in the hopes that they will immediately make plans to raise the funds. We do not want to suggest how many scholarships the two Conferences might provide but it does seem that the minimum ought to be one from each Conference each year. Now that Trinity College has opened with a registration of 9 full-time students and 45 external students, it does seem high time that we provide scholarships for some of our worthy young men and women. A few scholarships are already available as gifts from individuals: one from Mission-minded friends in Switzerland and last month our friends in Sibu, set a lead by raising $2400/- for this purpose. As a consequence, Sarawak already has sent us two worthy students, and we are expecting another at the beginning of the year. These scholarships are urgently needed and should be available at the beginning of the new year to enable us to accept some very worthy students who cannot afford to come unless they receive help. There can be no finer memorial than a recurring investment in individuals dedicated to service of their fellowmen in the name of Christ.

"METHODISTS BEWARE!"

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN ALL of its history has been proud of its standing on moral issues. We have been unflinching in our battle against gambling, intoxicating liquors, and commercialized forms of amusement such as the Cabaret. We must wage an unceasing battle against these forms of social evil. The liquor interests, are literally spending millions of dollars on advertising, using every subtle form of psychology known, to persuade people to drink their products. Many people think it is incumbent upon them even though they do not use alcohol in any form, to serve champagne at weddings and other similar functions. It is easy to get advertisements from the liquor interests and recently they have appeared in various Methodist publications in this country. We know that these advertisements were secured by people who undoubtedly did not know about Methodism's firm stand on these questions. It is very important that our pastors, school principals, and all our leaders make known to our people everywhere that the people called "Methodists" will not have anything to do with any of these evils that might suggest endorsement of them.

Events of Interest

TRINITY COLLEGE OPENS

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, a new chapter in Malayan Protestant Church history was written when representatives of The English Presbyterian, The Church of England and The Methodist Church met in the chapel of Trinity College at No. 7, Mt. Sophia, Singapore, and in a solemn service of worship welcomed the first students to this interdenominational College. The Rev. Dr. M. Dodsworth spoke on behalf of The Methodist Church giving in brief the history of the theological training work carried on by the Methodist Church during the past years. He described how Dr. B. West founded the Jean Hamilton Training School for men; how this work was later carried on by Dr. W. G. Shellabear. He also spoke of the founding of the Eveland Seminary under Miss Catherine Jackson, and then described the merger of these schools in 1940 into the M.M.T.C. (Malaya Methodist Theological College), which was abruptly terminated by the war. During the war years the various church leaders who were interned discussed the advisability of starting an interdenominational school as one way in which the three principal Protestant Churches in Malaya could come together. Following the war, this was brought to fruition through the help of Dr. Moss, representing the Church World Service, and subsequently, through the aid of our Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. On behalf of the Methodist Church Dr. Dodsworth then extended a most cordial welcome to the others who were present and in particular, to the 9 charter students.

The Rev. Canon R.K.S. Adams, speaking on behalf of the Anglican Church, built his address around the words of Thankfulness, Hope and Humility. Thankfulness to God that we could come to this high occasion under His guidance, and thankfulness to The Methodist Church for making it possible. He stressed the joy of the leaders and people of his church in being able to participate in this venture and he promised their support in personnel, gifts and students. His second point, Hope, was based on a statement found in Dr. K. Latourette, the great contemporary church historian's newest writing, who said that the period of 1914 to 1944 was, with the exception of the Apostolic Age, the greatest period in the Church's life. Therefore the opening of this union college should be a symbol of this hope in our hearts. His final point. Humility, was based on the fact that the 4th of October, in his Church calendar, is the feast of St. Francis, "the poor little man of God." As St. Francis in complete humbleness placed his full reliance upon the power of the Almighty God so, too, let us follow his example.

The Rev. T. C. Gibson, speaking on behalf of the English Presbyterian Church echoed the words of the two previous speakers and then, in particular, addressed himself to the new charter members of the student body. He called attention to the emphasis placed today upon material values, and speaking out of his own experience of more than 40 years as a missionary, told the students of the rich joys and compensations that will come in giving one's self in life service to our common master, Jesus Christ.

Others present at this auspicious occasion were the heads of various schools, secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., some of the parents of the students, and many ministers and friends.

The school programme has beeen arranged with a two-fold aim in mind so that the curriculum can cater to both full-time students and to special or external students. The classes are held at 8-9 a.m. and 5.30 to 8 p.m. The morning classes, which offer courses in Theology and Prophets, were planned specially for the theological students, but even in these classes we have 3 external students, some of them coming five miles to attend. The evening classes being introduction to the Old and New Testaments, Religious Education, and Public Speaking, were considered as having an appeal for school teachers, Sunday School workers, etc. To our great joy there are a total of 45 external students registered for these courses and the two largest classes, each numbering over 30, meet from 7—8 in the evening.

The College holds two brief devotional services every day to which all the students and pastors are invited. The day begins with a service at 7.45, and in the evening between the two classes a second brief service is held at 6.45. The little chapel which was completed during the bombing of Singapore is now furnished and is already most attractive and offers a very real atmosphere of worship. The school library is in the same room as prewar but new book cases have been added making it very much more useful, and many hundreds of new books have increased its value. The large classroom is equipped with modern type of chairs and with a most excellent set of maps covering every phase of Bible study. The lighting everywhere is fluorescent making the College rooms more than attractive in the evening.

The College provides a women's hostel on the first floor of the College building at No. 7, Mt. Sophia with Miss Lila Corbett in residence there as matron. The men's hostel is on the ground floor of No. 4, Mt. Sophia, where Rev. Andrew K. T. Chen is also in residence.

The cooperation of the three denominations is best evidenced in the faculty. The lecturers for this term include three Anglicans, one Presbyterian, and five Methodists. Mr. Paul E. Thomas has been made the registrar and librarian of the College, and he and Mrs. Thomas have begun a large choral training group under the auspices of the College. Mrs. Thomas and Miss Corbett will likewise take care of the musical training of our full-time students, offering the courses in the training school for such students as wish to be directors of music. The College offers two distinct types of training: a curriculum designed for the training of ministers leading to a Licentiate of Theology, and a training course for those who wish to be trained in any one of the following five branches of service: Religious Education, Music, Home Economics, Kindergarten, and Youth Work. A full announcement of these courses will be made before the end of this year. All students taking special courses in the training school will be required to take a minimum of theological training in the curriculum offered for the ministerial students. The curriculum for the training school students will be based approximately one half on a sound Bible background and one half on their specialized course. Every effort will be made to keep the three uniting churches and their people informed as to the facilities available in the College.

GERALD SUMMERS MEMORIAL

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT that the Nebraska Conference is starting a campaign to raise $96,000 U.S.A. in order to put up a Gerald Summers High School in Sibu. It is intended to put up this memorial on the new property just acquired on Telephone Road as per sketch shown in the July issue of the *Malaysia Message,* page 13.

Bishop E. F. Lee had planned to be in Nebraska to help the leaders of the Conference put on this campaign. When the Bishop became ill Mrs. Lee offered to deputize for him if he was unable to be present. His serious illness then made necessary for someone else to be assigned, and Dr. R. L. Archer was the obvious choice. Following the funeral of Bishop Lee he went on to Lincoln, Nebraska and spent some time in the three districts of that Conference. He reports the following, "Folks here are very enthusiastic about the memorial."

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

RIO DE JANEIRO. In June the ecclesiastical authorities issued a circular calling on the Brazillian Roman Catholic clergy to free the faithful from the "prejudicial influence" of the Y.M.C.A. and warning them that the organization is a secret society, completely Protestant, which has been condemned by the Holy Office. In spite of this attack, the Sao Paulo branch of the "Y" came through its annual financial drive with flying colours. The goal had been set at $40,000, but $60,000 was received. Many liberal Romans—professors, judges, business men and politicians—helped sponsor the campaign.

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MADRAS. Dr. S. Gurubatham, for many years a medical missionary, has been appointed by the prime minister of Madras to succeed Daniel Thomas, only Indian Christian minister in the provincial cabinet, who died recently. Dr. Gurubatham will be in charge of matters affecting the welfare of the rural people of Madras, which will be a continuation of his interest in rural work. For a time he left the medical profession and settled down as a village farmer. But so great was his reputation as an eye specialist that the Christian Medical College at Vellore invited him to join its faculty as a full professor.

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MELBOURNE. H. K. Bartlett, Methodist Secretary for missions in south Australia, has completed the translation of the New Testament into the Panaeatian language, thus serving the needs of a large number of people in the islands south-east of Papua. The Scriptures have now been translated into 106 Pacific languages and dialects.

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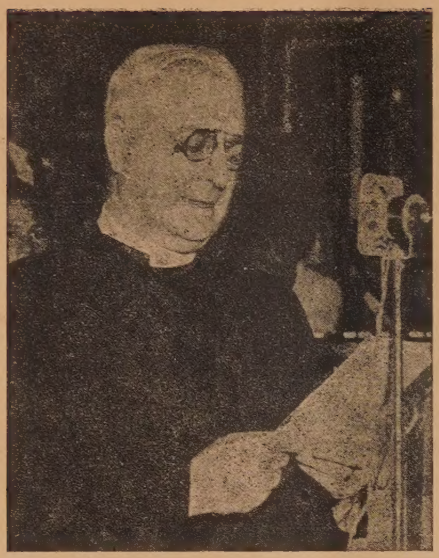
PEIPING. A group of some 20 Protestant and Roman missionaries have established an interfaith fellowship. The project began when the Roman priests suggested a union service on a Roman Catholic universal day of prayer. The theme of the first meeting was "What Jesus means to me." Most of the Roman priests are from Europe, where some of them served in resistance movements during the war.



The Bishop speaking at the farewell given to him in Singapore on February 2 1948

In Memory of

BISHOP

EDWIN F. LEE

Died: 14 September 1948

Edwin F. Lee as we knew him in his first term as our Bishop

THE UNEXPECTED DEATH OF BISHOP LEE which was flashed to Malaya on September 16, by Reuters telegram and then broadcast from Radio Malaya at 9:30 p.m. that night brought sadness into the hearts of the thousands who knew him as Bishop and friend. We dedicated the January-February 1948 issue of the Malaysia Message to Bishop and Mrs. Lee and gave much space to the story of their work and achievements as well as the appreciations which were given at the last sessions of the Annual Conferences, so we will not repeat the details of his life. We would suggest that the reader go back to that issue at the same time that he reads these pages, and thus get the complete picture. We quote herewith from a letter sent by Dr. R. L. Archer who was present at the funeral of Bishop Lee on September 17, representing the Board of Foreign Missions and Malaya, in which he gives some details concerning Bishop Lee's illness and subsequent death. Then we are printing three appreciations: from a missionary representing his fellow missionaries; from a Chinese representing the Chinese Methodists and community and an Indian representing the Indian Methodists and community. Each of these men knew Bishop Lee during his terms of service in this area.

The Bishop's illness and death

BISHOP LEE SUDDENLY BECAME ILL last June, after he had gone to Indianapolis to attend the Jurisdictional Conference to which he was attached and at which time he would be formally retired. According to reports he made a good recovery from this operation and returned with Mrs. Lee to Fayette, Iowa, where they were making a temporary home with Mrs. Lee's brother, Dr. Dorman.

Shortly after his arrival in Fayette the Bishop again became ill, this time with pneumonia and was taken in a serious condition to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. We take up the further details as given in the letter from Dr. Archer dated September 26.

"Doubtless you have learned that the Bishop died from an attack of acute leukemia. I had quite a long visit with Mrs. Lee before the funeral. I was surprised to find her looking so well considering how much she has had to face. As we might have expected, she faced her sorrow bravely. The doctor at Rochester told them the nature of the Bishop's illness and said nothing could be done and that death would come within a few weeks. She said her husband was reconciled to the inevitable and was ready to go if that was God's will. Mrs. Lee said they had their "good byes" while his mind was clear and the situation could be faced calmly. He did not seem to suffer much. He talked with her on the 12th but that night he went into a coma and did not regain consciousness, dying on September 14.

"The Fayette pastor had charge of the funeral. Bishop Ralph McGee came to deliver the funeral address. I brought a tribute from Malaya and the Mission Board, and Dr. Riley from the Philippines brought tribute from that field. He was buried in the Grand View Cemetery near Fayette.

"Mrs. Lee will remain with her brother, Dr. Dorman, in Fayette.

"It still hardly seems possible that Bishop Lee is gone from us. When he was in New York in June we had lunch together and he talked over his plans concerning his work after retirement. He seemed so much like his old self that one could not think his end would come so soon. He had had a thorough check-up at Mayo's in April and they assured him that with reasonable caution he could look forward to many years of useful service."

A Word from a Missionary Colleague

PRESTON L. PEACH

FROM THE TIME of the return of Bishop and Mrs. Lee in 1924 for service in Singapore to their retirement in 1948—a period of twenty-four years—our friendship with them has been one of the brightest spots in all our service here in Malaya.

He was a leader who was genuinely interested in his staff of workers: his preachers, his teachers, his missionary

colleagues. He knew their families intimately and their interests were his interests. People always felt at ease in his presence. His sincere friendliness was effectively mingled with his administrative ability. This was shown in carrying out decisions of all kinds in the work of the Church, with smoothness and satisfaction.

Malaya has lost a friend. More than that Malaya has lost a Christian Statesman. His leadership of The Methodist Church in this land, has placed this Christian body in a position of respect, honour, and influence that shall always remain. Our schools, our churches, and all of our work have high place in the life of this country because he taught us how to do our work efficiently. He was a leader who sought diligently to give every man's talent a chance to be counted worthwhile by the Great Teacher and Leader of us all—Jesus Christ. He was a Christian Statesman.

It is very hard to believe that he will be no longer with us. But his kindly and gracious spirit will remain.

A Word from an Indian Colleague

FRED DAVID

IT WAS ON THURSDAY NIGHT, September 16th, that we heard over Radio Malay of the death of Bishop Edwin F. Lee, and many listeners, particularly the people called Methodists, retired for the night with a sense of loss too deep for words. Members of his far-flung diocese of South-East Asia and the general public soon realized that a great and good man had passed away. In Schools and Churches where Memorial Services were held, one noticed a reverential hush more meaningful than many words of tribute. Invariably everyone's thoughts were with the Bishop's brave and devoted partner, Mrs. Lee, to whom particularly this loss has brought a sorrow too great for human comfort.

This little tribute, however inadequate attempts to express the feelings of the Indian people of this country, ministers, laymen and others for the Bishop who through long years had earned their respect by his sheer genius for friendship. He was a constructive force in the field of international goodwill and he used his high office to implement that harmony. None ever went away from his presence without being impressed with his positive personality.

The Indian community knew him well. He was an honoured guest at various mass meetings held in this country to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, the Indian Independence Day, and the inauguration of the Dominion Pakistan; and his messages of good-will at those meetings were favourably received everywhere. Admittedly, the Bishop had a sound knowledge of India's cultural background and was well acquainted with the writings of modern India's statesmen and philosophers like Mahatma Gandhi, Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sir S. Radhakrishnan, whom he quoted with ease.

In the pulpit and the platform he cut a majestic personality. There was an Episcopal dignity in all his addresses marked by coruscations of wit and humour all his own.

When he came to questions of liquor, gambling or social evils there was sure to be white heat in his voice and hammer and tongs in his words. Many will remember the Bishop's fulminations against the Japanese aggression in China, and the Far East, on the eve of the Pacific War. That voice is now silent.

His extensive diocese in South-East Asia has made many rapid strides in the five decades of his superb administration and practically every forward programme of the Mission was backed up by his genius and driving force. It was at times a delicate and a brave job to hold the scales of justice evenly among the hundreds of Chinese, Indians and Missionaries who comprised the personnel that worked under him. Proof of the success of his administration in this respect may be found in the happy and well-organised state of his diocese when he said good-bye and godspeed.

The development of indigenous leadership was the forte of his administration which took one of its concrete forms in the organisation of the Malaysia Chinese Annual Conference, composed entirely of Chinese members. And for the first time in local Church history, Malaya was represented this year at the General Conference in U.S.A. by three Asian delegates and one Missionary.

Bishop Lee has laid down the mantle on hearing the call *"Come ye apart and rest awhile." "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. They rest from their labours and their works do follow them."*

A Word from a Chinese Friend

YAP PHENG GECK

IT CAN TRULY BE SAID that Bishop Lee had given the best of his life to constructive and progressive Christian service in Malaya. He was more than just a missionary or a Church administrator. He was an empire builder for Methodism in that he had not only reinforced the foundation of Methodism in Malaya, so well laid by Bishop Oldham, but he had vastly extended its territory. And—what is more—he had within that extended territory scattered far and wide the seeds of indigenous leadership, confident that such seeds would in their time bring forth a rich harvest of Malayan-born Christian workers to man our Churches and our schools.

In my last conversation with Bishop Lee when I went on board to see him off, he said to me that of all things he had done in Malaya he wanted most to be remembered for having stressed the need of indigenous leadership. He said that he visualized the day when there would be such a strong Methodist Church of Malaya that Malaya would be making a considerable contribution to the Christian agencies of the world working for the advancement of God's Kingdom upon the earth. He spoke very feelingly on this subject and urged that the people of Malaya should not always depend upon the United States or Europe to send her missionaries and Christian leaders, but that Malaya should develop her own Christian leaders for she has already reached a stage in her development when she should be contributing her quota of Christian effort to the general world pool.

Such is the faith and confidence and the vision that Bishop Lee cherished of the Methodist Church in Malaya. If he should prove to be wrong, the fault surely would not lie in his judgment, but in ourselves for lacking the spirit, the zeal and the inspiration to take on his challenge.

This last conversation gave me a new outlook of the role of our Methodist Church in Malaya. I then realised that it was a great loss to Malaya to permit

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A vivid account of how a dream was realized and what the writer found in America.

American Methodism Seen From the Eyes of A Malayan

PAUL S. H. HANG

THE RECENT METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE, which opened in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 28th April, 1948, is memorable to several of us for the fact that it was our maiden appearance at such a great gathering. I had the privilege of being one of the four local representatives to that Conference, three of whom were there for the first time, and it was a doubly gratifying one because it came to me as a surprise. Now that I have returned, I am profoundly glad and thankful for the experience, for it shall always remain one of my most stirring and treasured memories.

I left Singapore on 23rd February, 1948, taking the Pacific route to the United States, and returned four months later via the Atlantic. While in America my itinerary took me over 21 states, with short pauses of a few days at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Chicago, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, New York, Boston and Washington D.C.

During that extensive tour, probably like everybody else, I found the answers to certain questions which I had set myself before leaving the Orient. How truly democratic is this New World which has been hailed as the bastion of civil liberty? What are the characteristics of its people in their natural environment and among their own kind? And I was curious, too, to feel and experience the spiritual life of the nation which mothers Methodist evangelism and trains many of its great leaders. I came back with the answers and my expectations satisfied.

At Weston, Massachusetts, with the Rev. Tyler Thompson and church members

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT BOSTON was attended by 758 delegates and about 2,000 visitors. The session covered eleven days. While it lasted, I was particularly impressed by the air of complete informality among those taking part, many of whom were men of high distinction. I observed that same free intercourse in the House of Representatives when later I visited Washington D.C., and I saw it wherever I went. I noticed, too, that Americans dress very much alike, so that the marks of position and wealth are submerged in that uniformity. Here surely is good evidence of democratic behaviour.

Other observations confirmed this view. In my travels the people I met, whether on the train, on the road, in homes or in churches, were always friendly, kind, frank, and hearty. I found less snobbery than in any other country I know. Among my memories, I especially cherish one of a visit to the Minneapolis Walker Methodist House where the aged people live. After a warm welcome from over a hundred of the residents, I was taken round the establishment by an 80-year-old gentleman. He insisted on helping me (30 years younger than himself) up and down the stairways of the building. The benevolence he radiated as he did so, his solicitation, his eagerness, all wove themselves into an unforgettable experience for me.

TALKING OF AMERICAN CHURCHES, I was deeply impressed by their exceptional elegance and majesty. One of my first acquaintances with them was made at Boston, where I took the Holy Communion at the Trinity Church. Within its very striking exterior, my eyes fell upon a scene which was supremely solemn and moving. Until then I had not fully appreciated the power of environment in worship. But there, standing in the aisle before the altar, I could feel its tremendous sway. There was sanctity in the atmosphere, and breathing it you instinctly bowed your head in reverence. Other American churches I attended inspired the same awe. Perhaps here is to be found one of the fountains of strength of the American Christian body.

But the most wonderful find I made in the Home of Methodism was the beautiful spirit of fellowship and service among the Sunday congregations which meet to commune with their Creator. Throughout my tour I have seen it ceaselessly flowing and rippling, spilling and splashing from soul to soul, and wherever it touched, life sparkled. From such goodwill and willingness, surely great achievements must follow. This is the example which I believe Malaysia must need to keep before her—

Visiting Miss Ruth Harvey and her mother in Minneapolis

the example of greater strength through genuine fellowship and service. Let us redouble our efforts to fan the existing flame and bring it to glow in every heart.

APART FROM THE MORE PERSONAL ASPECTS, the American trip was valuable to me also for some surprise re-unions. When I visited the Methodist Home at Washington D.C. I met an old teacher of mine, Miss May A. Wilson, who had spent the best years of her life in China. She told me she had been patiently waiting several years for a chance visitor from Hinghwa to turn up who could help her rekindle her past association with that district. She had almost lost hope when I came, and in me she found not only a man from Hinghwa but a former pupil whom she still remembers by the name of "Hoh Gi".

Another surprise re-union was with Miss Martha C. W. Nicolaisen, who had known me since I was a child eight months old. We met in Westwood Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. After my testimony she narrated to the congregation an anecdote about my childhood which I did not know. I give it in her own words:

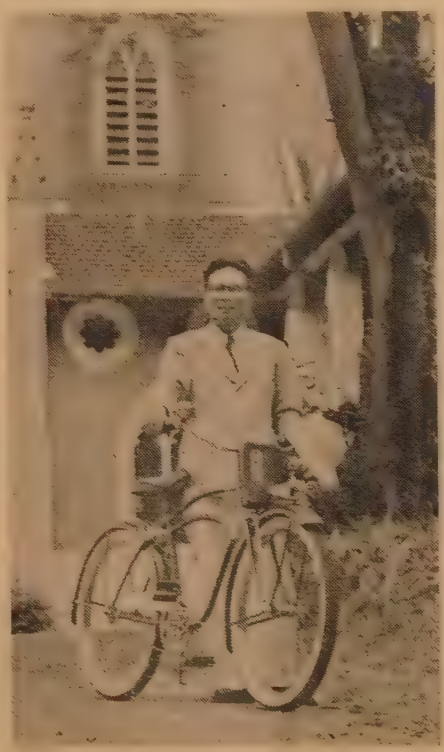
"A little three-year-old was in the Sienyu Station gate-house, ready to go forth. He wore a coolie hat, carried an umbrella and a large Bible. When asked, 'Where are you going?,' he answered, 'I am going to preach the doctrine.' When asked 'What will you say?,' the answer was, 'In the beginning was the Word!'" So my ambition to become a minister probably dates from that time!

There were other happy meetings. In California we were warmly received by Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Oechsli, who motored us through the scenic South Californian landscape, and in their house we met at a tea party about twenty former missionaries from Malaya. In Minneapolis Miss Ruth Harvey acted as my guide. In Washington D.C., Mrs. Bonnie I. King, sister of Mr. Paul E. Thomas, acted as my guide. In Greenhills, Cincinnati, Ohio, Professor R. D. Hollister, the second son of my teachers, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hollister, took me around. In Pasadena, California, Miss Pauline Westcost, former Hinghwa missionary, showed me that beautiful city.

While in the States, I was privileged to speak in five churches: The Bishop James Methodist Church, Basking Ridge, New Jersey (Pastor: Rev. John E. Esaias, Jr. son-in-law of Dr. M. Dodsworth.) The Methodist Church, Weston, Massachusetts, (Pastor: Tyler Thompson, formerly of the A.C.S. and Wesley Church, Singapore), the Westwood Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, (Pastor: Rev. J. Carlton Babbs), Broadway Methodist Church, Chicago (The Church of Dr. J. J. Kingham, formerly manager of the Methodist Book Room, Singapore), and Wesley Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. (Pastor: Dr. George Mechlenberg.)

After my address in the last-named church, the congregation presented me with a new American bicycle to assist me in my work. I had merely mentioned that I was known as the "bicycle pastor" in Singapore. I was the Guest Preacher one Sunday in the church served by the Rev. Tyler Thompson and before I returned to Singapore he presented me with a beautiful pulpit gown which I am now using in my Services of Worship. This generosity is everywhere witnessed. In the campaign for the Crusade Fund, for example, total contributions exceeded the target of $25-millions by two millions!

In all I spent sixty days in America. When I came away, I brought with me deep humility. My visit, by providing comparison, has made me realise the paltriness of my own past efforts and the long way Christianity has yet to go before it can become the living religion of the mixed peoples of Malaysia, steeped as that land is with the dye of several ancient cultures. But it has also given me a vision of possibilities. It is my prayer that God give us strength to work towards the realization of that vision.



Singapore friends have for years affectionately called the writer "The Bicycle Pastor" and here he is with the new bicycle given to him by the congregation of the Wesley Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.

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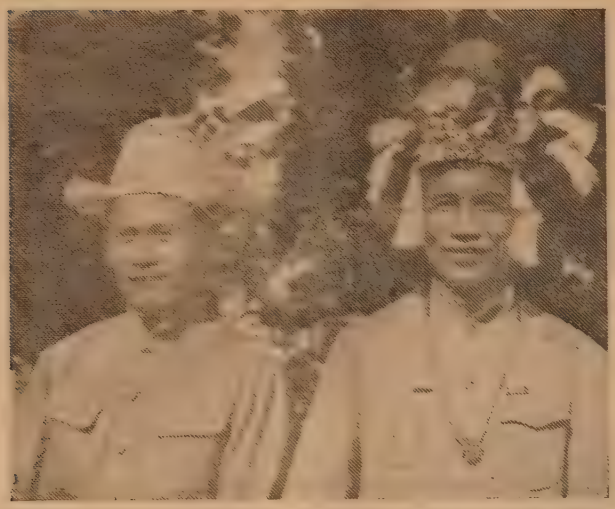
Malaya's Missionary Enterprise



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Penghulus Sibat and Jugat—two great friends of our Mission

IN THE PAST, Malayan Methodist churches have spoken too often of "the mission", or "missionaries", and in terms of American effort, American money and American men and women. Now we can and must revise our thinking—in the realization that The Methodist Church in Malaya has a missionary enterprise of her own.

The Home Missionary Society is a Malayan proposition. Its general, controlling committee is made up of representatives elected or appointed by the Malaya Annual Conference, the Malaysia Chinese Annual Conference, and the laymen's and women's conferences attached to these. Its officers are elected by this committee, and are always chosen from among leaders in our local churches. For 1948 the following are in office:

President: Mr. Wong Wai Lam (A.C.C.S., Ipoh).

Vice-President: Rev. S. J. Arthur (Tamil Church, Penang).

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Geh Hun Kheng (A.C.S., Penang).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Lee Teik Hock (Paya Lebar Church, Singapore).

During the earlier years of its history, the Home Missionary Society was led by the Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, and by Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy.

Some of the American missionaries are members of the general committee; and one (Mrs. Abel Eklund) is on the Executive Committee. They have been chosen for these positions by the Malayan conferences.

FINANCIALLY ALSO, the Home Missionary Society is Malayan through and through. It is supported, and its work is carried out, solely by contributions from Methodist churches, schools and other organizations in Malaya and Sarawak. No money is paid into the Society from American sources; nor does the American Mission Board have any control over the use of the Society's funds. These are kept in Singapore, and are paid out as authorized by the officers of the Home Missionary Society.

Something should also be said about the use of money given by Malayan churches and schools. In the past a large percentage of the missionary contributions was put into the work among the Sakais. Recently this Sakai effort has had to be temporarily abandoned. Now our support is to be given mainly to the Dyak work in Sarawak: at the mission station at Kapit.

At this place a small boarding school has been established, and evangelistic work is being carried on among the Dyak people. Rehabilitation is the urgent need for the school; so the Home Missionary Society is planning, for 1948, to repair and re-equip the hostel. This will permit the taking in of more pupils, and will enable us to do better work with them. In addition, for the rest of this year, a monthly sum will be sent for the running expenses of the school.

Next year the enlarged student body will have to be cared for. This will involve the outlay of a much larger sum for the hostel expenses, and for the general upkeep of the school. At the same time we shall then have to be looking out for further workers: either Malayans, or Dyaks, or both. The Kapit mission must grow, must get farther into the life of the Dyak community; so an enlarged mission staff will be a necessity. All these expenses will be borne by the Home Missionary Society.

It may be added here that the present staff of the Kapit mission to the Dyaks consists of the Rev. Lucius Mamora, Mr. and Mrs. Djaleb Manoeroeng, and the Rev.

Baughman

Legan a former pupil of our Dyak School in holiday attire

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Three Dyaks visiting the Mission Compound at Kapit

and Mrs. Burr Baughman. Salaries for all these come from sources other than the Home Missionary Society. Money raised by the Society in Malaya and Sarawak will go towards current expenses of the school and evangelistic work of the mission, not towards support of those workers already engaged.

IN ADDITION TO THE DYAK work, the Home Missionary Society also helps towards the support of Chinese and Tamil workers in the States of Pahang and Kedah. There, on the outskirts of our church's endeavours, the contributions of Malayan Methodists help to spread the gospel of Christ in communities which have no organized congregations, and those in which the congregations are still too new and small to be able to support themselves completely.

A token payment also is made towards the upkeep of the Malay hostel in Malacca; but practically all the Society's funds are used for the Dyak project, and for the Chinese and Tamil work in Pahang and Kedah.

The Home Missionary Society, then, is a truly Malayan enterprise. Its leaders are chosen from our various Malayan church conferences. Its officers are local men elected by the Society. Its work is to spread the gospel of Christ to the far corners of Malaya and of Sarawak. Its financial support comes entirely from members of Methodist churches, schools and other organizations in Malaya and Sarawak.

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The Boy's Hostel at Kapit

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Bishop Lee to retire at this critical juncture in the development of Malaya. I said so to him but he consoled me by saying that in his retirement he would continue to serve Malaya and that back in the States he would persistently present the case of Malaya and that he would work for Malaya's attainment of her proper goal. Later when the news came through that the last General Conference at Boston had decided that Malaya should henceforth elect her own Methodist Bishop, I could not help thinking that perhaps Bishop Lee had a great part to play in influencing such a decision for it fits so perfectly in his scheme for indigenous leadership in Malaya.

In high circles Bishop Lee has been described as a statesman of the Church. In my view what distinguishes his statesmanship for the Church is not his practice of Christianity as a practical profession rather than a cloistered faith, not his tolerance and cordiality to all sects and communities, not even his diplomacy in finely blending temporal and ecclesiastical affairs, but his emphasis on indigenous leadership for Christ and the Church.

Christian leadership that has always to be imported is precarious and must eventually undermine Christian faith. True leadership like a good seed should so take root among the people that it brings forth fruit which contains within itself more seeds to enrich and increase that leadership. This is the warrant for indigenous leadership in the Methodist Church of Malaya.

The crown of Bishop Lee's service in Malaya is his advocacy of indigenous leadership and his vision of the Methodist Church of Malaya. Now Bishop Lee has not only departed from Malaya but has passed from our midst unto the immortality in which he had placed so much faith. He has left us to work out and follow the gleam of his vision as best we can. Whether or not we are qualified yet is an entirely different matter, but whether we are heading in the direction that his vision leads is to us a very vital concern.

In closing, I want to make this plea which I hope will be conveyed throughout all Methodist Churches in this country, namely, "Let us persist in the endeavour to promote indigenous leadership. Let us not fail Bishop Lee in his vision of us nor permit his labours among us to be in vain. Let us resolve to develop a Methodist Church of Malaya of such a force that we may send forth Malayan Christian workers not only to labour in our own fields but also further abroad in exchange for other parts of the world".

I pray that God will grant that this vision of the Methodist Church of Malaya will come true and that God will bless the memory of Bishop Edwin F. Lee among us.

SENIOR PASTORS SERIES No. 6

The Rev. and Mrs. Chua Iok Han and their family

A RUBBER PLANTER WHO BECAME A MINISTER

THE REV. CHUA IOK HAN has been closely connected with Malaya Methodism since infancy. His mother was associated with the late Miss Blackmore and the late Mrs. Shellabear. She had three sons and named them after the three disciples, Peter, James and John. The subject of this biography was named Iok Han which is the Chinese name for John. He lived in Singapore as a small boy where he attended the Anglo-Chinese School.

When Dr. Shellabear made Sitiawan his headquarters he took Iok Han with him and placed him in the famous orphanage and Anglo-Chinese School from which several preachers have come. Iok Han was a close friend and associate of Dr. Shellabear, not only in Sitiawan, but also in Malacca where he conducted the Jean Hamilton Training School.

After Dr. Shellabear's return to the U.S.A. for health reasons Iok Han became a rubber planter near Malacca. He subsequently became the manager of two estates and while thus employed he married the first Mrs. Chua in 1921. That year marked the beginning of the outstation Mission work around Malacca. The Rev. and Mrs. Marmaduke Dodsworth arrived the year before and found a great desire on the part of the Chinese in the villages to become Christians. Fifteen new churches were opened in five years in Malacca and Negri Sembilan. An interpreter and assistant was needed. Chua Iok Han and his good wife volunteered for this service. As manager of two estates Iok Han was earning more than twice the salary the Mission could offer. He willingly forfeited the remunerative career of a planter for the Christian Ministry. After serving as district helper for several years he became the pastor of Merlimau Church and later was made pastor of the Malacca Chinese Church. After several years of effective work he was accepted on Trial in the Malaya Annual Conference in 1934, ordained a Deacon in 1936, and, by special action of the Conference was ordained an Elder in 1937. The outstation churches around Malacca were only made possible and were continued so effectively largely through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Chua Iok Han.

In the year 1934 his beloved Oah Neo passed away, leaving two adopted children, a son Lay Swee, and a daughter, Sui Ai.

In 1939 Mr. Chua remarried and from this second marriage he has four daughters and a son making with the two adopted children, five daughters and two sons. He is now a grandfather as his eldest daughter, Chua Sui Ai, is the mother of three daughters and a son. She now lives in Mantin, Negri Sembilan.

In 1940 Bishop Edwin F. Lee made Mr. Chua the District Superintendent of the Perak District as well as pastor of Pioneer Church, Kampong Koh, Sitiawan. Then in 1941, due to a reduction in the number of districts, he was made pastor of the Seremban Chinese Church and served as Superintendent of the South Central Chinese District.

During the war years he kept the Chinese Churches in Malacca and Negri Sembilan alive by frequent visits by bicycle and motor cycle. His health was greatly imperiled due to the long distances he was required to travel. When the Japanese army occupied Seremban he was labelled to be executed, but was miraculously saved at the last moment.

At the last Conference session the district which he served was enlarged to include the states of Selangor and Pahang as well as Malacca, North Johore and Negri Sembilan. His residence was moved to Klang where he is pastor of the Chinese Church. The church building is now not adequate to accommodate the growing congregation.

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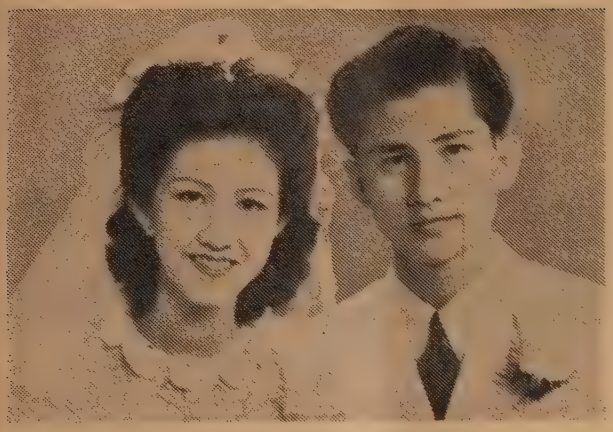

Mr. and Mrs. Ng Shin Koy

Seremban

MYF Wedding. The President, Miss Chong Swee Yin and Mr. Ng Shin Koy, a teacher on the staff of the Anglo Chinese Continuation School, and also an enthusiastic worker in the MYF, were recently married in the Wesley Methodist Church by the Rev. C. Dudley Ingerson. The church was filled with relatives and friends and it was a very lovely occasion. The happy couple spent a one-week honeymoon at Port Dickson.

'Old Clothes Social'. A very novel Social was held on the 25th of September at the A.C.S. Hall. It was well attended and everyone came in the oldest clothes he or she could find. Making fancy hats was the first part of the programme. A march-past parade followed for the Judges to select the best 'hat-man' and the best 'hat-girl'. Prizes went to Mr. Kee Sik Kian and Miss Chit Lin. Mrs. Ingerson led in the singing of old songs, while games were conducted by Messrs. Ingerson, Tam Lock, and Kim Hock. The winners for the 'Old Clothes Competition' were the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Ng Shin Koy. Miss Tan Kim Lay won the prize in sewing. Miss Wong Sou Kuan gave away the prizes. The Auld Lang Syne ended an interesting social.

Malacca

Pastor's Fellowship Group. The Revs: V. A. Subramaniam, Lim Keng Leong, Low Kway Song, C. H. Foss with their assistant pastors, and co-workers, Mr. Happy Low and Mr. C. Y. Chang have formed a fellowship which meets once a month. It has brought about a very fine spirit of co-operation of our four congregations and thus greatly strengthened the work of Methodism in Malacca.

Their first project was a union service in the A.C.S. Hall with four hundred members and friends present. All pastors participated in the service and the Rev. Lim Keng Leong brought the message. The offering, amounting to sixty dollars was sent to the Home Mission Society Treasurer. Many requested that more such services be held in the future.

Trinity College Extension Course. The pastors also planned for the Trinity College Extension Course. This had to be postponed from July to September 16-19, but this did not dampen the spirits for there were over two hundred registrations for the classes and lectures. Everyone was delighted with the courses taught so capably by Dr. H. B. Amstutz, Rev. Waldo Reinoehl, Rev. Andrew Chen and Miss Mabel Mitchell. The pictures of our work among the Dyaks, presented by Dr. Amstutz were enlightening as well as entertaining. The offering for the work which was taken amounted to fifty dollars. Mr. Reinoehl, with the assistance of a number of Shellabear Hall girls, gave an evening's program illustrating the use of "visual aids" in worship. The climax of the Course was reached when three young people made their decision to enter Trinity College. They are Miss Tham Boon Fah, Miss Lim Siok Lan, and Mr. Khoo Hin Boo.

Plans are being made for a union Watch Night service. This will be a fitting finish for the fine cooperation of the past year and the beginning of a new year of fellowship in Christ.

Kuantan

Methodist Girls' School. Miss Lois Rea, principal of the M.G.S. is happy to announce that Mrs. S. Sandoshan, wife of Dr. Sandoshan who was recently transferred from Kuantan to Singapore, has joined the staff of her school. Negotiations were completed a few months ago with the government of the State of Pahang for the new school site and in October the ground was broken for the new school. The building is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The school has been housed, since the war, in very flimsy attap barracks formerly used by Japanese soldiers.

Our Kuantan Churches. A very promising junior MYF has been organised under the leadership of Mr. Wong Bentong. The enrolment is nearly 60. The Sunday School, which represents both congregations and is held in the school building, now has reached an enrolment of 52. This is a record for Kuantan. They are hoping next to organise a branch of the W.S.C.S. The Tamil Church held its annual thanksgiving service on Sunday 10th October. The Rev. Abel Eklund, District Superintendent, was in Kuantan over Sunday, 21st September, and held a memorial service in memory of Bishop Edwin F. Lee. In the account about the Kuantan Church which appeared in the August issue of *The Malaysia Message*, two names were inadvertently omitted. Among those taken into

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membership of the church at that time by Mr. Eklund were Miss Evangeline David and Mr. Israel Muthusamy.

The terrorists have been making life very unpleasant in and around Kuantan. During the first week of October there were three kidnappings within three days. However, the situation has not affected the attendance of our girls' school nor the services of worship of our two congregations there.

Raub

Miss Norma Craven. In the list of changes of appointments given in the September issue the name of Miss Norma Craven was inadvertently omitted. She has been assigned to the work at Raub, Pahang, and is taking the place at Raub of the Rev. and Mrs. Burr Baughman. Miss Craven is the principal of the Methodist Girls' School, Raub, and continues to supervise the work of the Bible women in the Malayan Federation. She will visit Ipoh several times a month from Raub.

Taiping

Jubilee Tea. On the 2nd of October, the 50th Anniversary of the *Lady Treacher Girls' School* was celebrated by about 150 of the Former Students of the school. A reception was held in the large Primary Music

Scene of the Jubilee Tea of the Lady Treacher Girls School, Taiping

Hall which was beautifully decorated with palms and bouquets of flowers. The many neatly arranged tables with their bouquets of flowers and various kinds of cakes and sandwiches were very attractive and inviting. The magnificent Birthday Cake with its brightly lit candles was placed in a prominent place until it was cut.

After the guests and Old Girls had been seated at the tables, the School Choir sang a Birthday Song. At the close of the Tea, Miss Ng Chiau Yong played a piano solo after which Miss Della Olson, the Principal, gave a welcome speech. Miss Olson then introduced four speakers.

Mrs. Keonitz, who was admitted to the school in 1905, gave an interesting speech about her school days in the Lady Treacher Girls' School. Mr. Toh Eng Hoe J.P., and Dr. Lim Swee Aun, who started their education in this School amused the many Old Girls by relating their experiences while they were students in the school; they also stressed the importance of education for girls. The last speaker was Mr. Dartford, Inspector of Schools of North Perak. He mentioned the present atmosphere in

Crandon Home, Taiping, remodelled

the school, and how he had enjoyed his visits to our school. He concluded his speech by congratulating the school.

At the conclusion of Mr. Dartford's speech, the honoured guests and Old Girls went upstairs to the Assembly Hall where the School Choir and some students gave a short musical program, after which Miss Olson introduced the President, Mrs. G. Jeyamoney, of the Alumi Association. The President then introduced the rest of the officers of the Association who gave their reports. Thus ended a very happy occasion which will be long remembered by all those present.

I also ought to mention that St. George's Boys' School gave our students a Jubilee treat sometime ago by letting them see the picture "The Courage of Lassie." The St. George's Boys' School has a very friendly feeling toward our girls' school. Chan Kam Ngoh.

Sitiawan

The Anglo Chinese School. This school is again proud of her Normal Class Teachers for having obtained a 100 per cent pass this year. There were six teachers in the First year, three in the 2nd year and two in the 3rd year. The last two, Misses Gong Mie Ting and Shih

The Wesley Church, Taiping

Hua Nan, are now qualified. In honour of these teachers, the school closed at 11.30 a.m. on September 9th. Mr. Hung Miau Kong, a Class I teacher of the A.C.S., Sitiawan, is on leave for the rest of the year. He intends to visit his motherland during his vacation.

Arrangements have been made to hold a school concert on the 19th November, 1948, to raise funds to erect and equip a science Laboratory. Last week the members of the School Literary Society unanimously agreed to contribute towards a School Radio. Subscription rates were provisionally increased and soon a grand new Philips (Battery set) was installed. The total cost amounted to nearly $500/-.

During the second week of September, 1948, two memorial services were held in the school hall, to commemorate the memory of the late Mr. D. C. Gong (vice-principal 1925-1941, and headmaster 1920-25) and the late Bishop Edwin F. Lee who had died recently in America. The former service was held on the 14th September at 11 a.m., the Rev. T. Runyan conducting the service. The Principal, Mr. Wong Hean Kim, accompanied Dr. M. Dodsworth to the Memorial Tablet which was then unveiled. A minute's silence was observed. The following speakers, Mr. Hung Miau Kong, Mr. Tai Swee Kee, Miss M. Dirksen and Dr. M. Dodsworth paid a glowing tribute to the late Mr. D. C. Gong. On behalf of the family, Miss Gong Mie Ting, replied with a word of thanks. Later the visiting missionaries had tiffin with the Principal and Staff of the School, and Dr. Dodsworth spoke very highly of the school. The second memorial service was held on the 17th September. The Principal, Mr. Wong Hean Kim, conducted the meeting and spoke of the invaluable work which the late Bishop had done in Malaya. A minute's silence was observed and the school closed at 12:30 p.m.

MYF. A cottage prayer meeting was held in Miss U Yong Doong's house and Mr. Jacob spoke on the subject entitled, "The Good Part". Refreshments and cakes were served later. A visit was made to the Decrepit Settlement, Simpang Ampat, on the 21st September. Songs were sung and prayers were offered for them. Afterwards biscuits and Sunday School Pictures were distributed to them. They were immensely grateful. This is the first meeting of its kind since the MYF was organised. It is hoped to hold more of such meetings in future.

The Choral Club was reorganised on the 19th September. It was decided to hold regular meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Mission Bungalow. The following were elected office-bearers:-

President	-	Miss M. Dirksen.
Sec'y, Treas., Pianist	-	Miss Shih Hua Nan.
Associate Pianist	-	Mr. Moses Tay.
Conductor	-	Mr. Fang Ung Ming.
Asst. Conductor	-	Mrs. Teh Chui Ging.

Medan

Visit of Chinese Superintendent. The Rev. Timothy Huang visited the Chinese Churches under his supervision in Sumatra during the first part of October. He was in Medan for approximately two weeks and visited Palembang by plane remaining there a week. He will return to Penang early in November. He states that the cost of living is still high in Medan, but that unlike many of our Malayan towns, it is peaceful. There are no bandits and no gun-shots. Mr. Huang conducted Evangelistic Meetings in the Chinese Church in Medan and visited all of the churches and held their quarterly Conferences.

Ipoh

Memorial Service. As a mark of respect, upon hearing the news of the death of Bishop Lee, the schools held special assemblies and closed early. On October 3rd a Memorial Service was held at the Wesley Church. Considering that Bishop Lee had circled the globe several times in the interest of the world-wide Christian Cause it seemed fitting that this should coincide with World Communion Sunday.

The Wesley Church has been glad to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. W. Foster who came to Ipoh in the middle of September. Mr. Foster has become pastor of the Wesley Church while the Rev. Ralph Kesselring has succeeded Rev. Ho as principal of the A.C.S., Miss Norma Craven is now supervising the school at Raub and travels bravely up and down despite the emergency.

The Rev. and Mrs. Burr Baughman were visitors to Ipoh at the end of September when Mr. Baughman gave the students of the schools interesting talks on Sarawak and the work among the Dyaks. He was also the speaker at the Wesley Evening Service on September 26th when he made an appeal for the Home Missionary Society. A special offering was taken for the Society which amounted to $120.00 At this time the Women's Society also made a Mite Box donation to the H.M.S. of $70.00.

On September 29th representatives of the Vernacular and English Schools met with the Rev. P. L. Peach, who is representing the Schools of the Malayan Association for the prevention of T.B., to discuss the part schools can take in this important campaign. A ten-point programme was mapped out for the Perak Schools. The meeting was also attended by Dr. R. E. Anderson, S.M. and H.O. Perak, and members of the Welfare and anti-T.B. Committees.

Penang and Kuala Lumpur

Chinese Evangelistic Meetings. "Rev. Chia Yuk Ming, D.D., one of the Chinese delegates to the World Council of Churches Conference, at Amsterdam, Holland, arrived in Singapore at the end of August by air. After holding a series of meetings at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hall, Singapore, he went to Penang to conduct evangelistic meetings for five days in the Chinese Methodist Church, at the invitation of the District Superintendent, the Rev. Timothy Huang, one of his former students. On the 16th of September, Mr. Chia came to Kuala Lumpur to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the Chinese Methodist Church, at the invitation of the Rev. Charles E. Fang, Pastor of the Church. His main theme was, "Complete Salvation". His message was very spiritual. Unlike Dr. Sung, he was quiet, gentle, but very effective. Many members were blessed. He spoke in Mandarin which was interpreted into Hokkien by Miss Wu Ching Ling, Principal of Chin Lien Bible Teachers' Training School, Singapore, another student of his. The meetings lasted four days with seven lectures which were illustrated by posters.

Mr. Chia is the President of the Spiritual Training Theological School, Nanking. He is the author of many Bible Expositions. Several books in the Chinese Con-

ference Courses of Study are by his pen. We were happy to see his radiant face as well as to read his books."

C. E. FANG.

Final scene from the pageant presented by the Klang MYF

Klang

Win-my-Chum Campaign. The Klang MYF Chapter in September held the most successful Win-my-Chum campaign ever conducted there. It was the good fortune of the MYF to secure the services of the Rev. E. S. Lau, Pastor, Geylang Methodist Church, Singapore, as their Win-my-chum speaker.

Prior to the arrival of Mr. Lau preparations were made to lead people to a knowledge of these meetings. *Win-my-Chum* Bulletins were widely distributed and these paved the way to final success.

The campaign commenced with an inspiring service led by the Rev. Abel Eklund on September 12th when the Methodist Youth Fellowship presented the pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross". In the final scene the Sixth Disciple (Mr. Tan Jake Hooi) holding the cross issued the challenge "There is no salvation of the soul, nor hope of the everlasting life, but in the Cross. Let us therefore take up the Cross and follow after Christ. For he who is faithful unto the end shall receive the Crown of Life." The message entered many hearts and found a real response.

Prayer meetings were held in the homes of members and friends from the 13th to the 20th, September. Mr. Lau met the *Win-my-Chum* committee at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gulland to finalise the plans for the Win-my-chum week. At this meeting the news came of the sudden death of Bishop Lee and as dusk settled in we bowed our heads while Mr. Lau prayed in remembrance of Bishop Lee.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Lau spoke to the students of the A.C.S. Forty members of the MYF conducted ten prayer meetings that evening in the homes of members and more than 130 people attended these meetings. Mr. Lau spoke to the students of the M.G.S. on Wednesday morning and in the evening a rousing get-together-social was held in the church compound. More than 150 young people were present. After the social even the doorways of the church were jammed with people to hear Mr. Lau preach on the subject "You can Win". The MYF Choir sang a special song "Though your sins be as scarlet".

The theme on Thursday evening was "Stand Up" and Mr. Lau's dynamic message struck deep into the hearts of all those who were present. The Rev. J. Appaduray, Principal, Methodist Afternoon School, Kuala Lumpur, spoke on Friday. School boys, school girls former pupils and other English speaking friends responded loyally to the invitation. These manifestations were indications of a real spiritual uplift.

Mr. Appaduray spoke at the Sunday School on Sunday morning, and Rev. Lau's sermon in the evening on "A Full Life", inspired everyone present. Two adults were received into the Church as members, while two children and four adults were baptized. More than 15 boys and girls have dedicated their lives to Christ and preparatory membership classes will be conducted by the Rev. J. Appaduray and Mrs. D. L. Gulland every Sunday commencing with the 10th of October.

We are grateful to God for His guidance throughout the year and especially for His presence during the *Win-my-Chum* meetings. We record our thanks to Rev. E.S. Lau and Rev. J. Appaduray for their sacrifice of time and energy for the benefit of the young people who attended these meetings.

We feel that there is a definite work to be done in this town. Our motto is, "Klang for Christ and Christ for Klang."

Harriet Sinnathamby (Miss)

The Klang Union Sunday School: extreme left Rev. E. S. Lau, extreme right Rev. J. Appaduray

Kuala Lumpur

Methodist Girls Continuation School Sports. This was held at the school grounds on Friday Sept. 24th at 3.30 p.m. Parents and interested friends of the school were present and enjoyed the various items presented which included drill en masse and two group dances. At the conclusion of the Sports Mrs. Abel Eklund gave away the prizes to the winners of the various events.

Wesley M.Y.F. A Fancy dress campfire was held at the Wesley Manse on July 31st. A hundred and seventy members and friends were present including members from the Sentul and Tamil Methodist Youth Fellowships. Several items including songs and stunts were presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Prizes for the most original costumes were won by the following: Sydney de Krester won the first prize for the costume of a Japanese general. Florence Williams won the second prize for her costume of a Bengali man and Miss Cheong Nyoke Lan had the third prize for her costume of a Bengal girl. The Tamil M.Y.F. won the prize for the best item put up by a Chapter.

Sentul M.B.S. This year has been very successful as seen from the many activities done. Through the help of the Malayan Railways an additional temporary building was built to house the Primary Department. Gardening has been introduced to the higher standards. This school is housed in the fine building that was opened just shortly before the war.

More boys have taken interest in the scout movement sixteen of the scouts passed the 2nd class tests held recently. The scouts have also helped the school and other associations at various functions.

One of the most colourful events of the school, the Annual Athletic Sports were held on Friday 23rd July. Many distinguished guests and the parents of the students were present. Most of the items run off were team events. The Inter-House Challenge Cup was presented by an officer of the Railway Department.

Boys have been given much scope for indoor and outdoor games. Cricket, football and badminton continue to provide good Inter-House competition in the school in addition to the other sports.

Literary and Dramatic societies have been formed for the elementary classes since the beginning of the 2nd Term and boys have shown much interest during these meetings.

Six teachers appeared for the Normal Examinations held last August and all have been successful. One has passed the final year and the rest the 2nd year.

Singapore

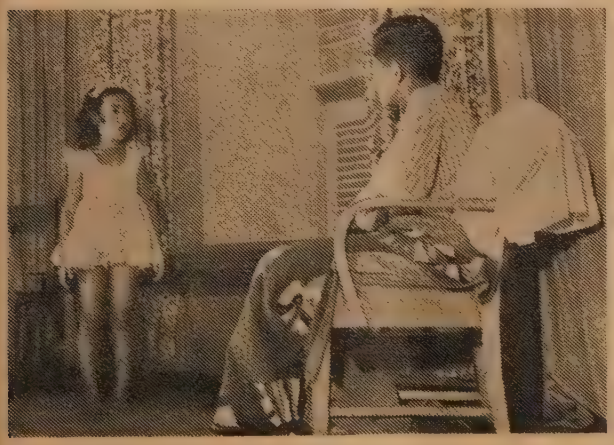
Wesley Church. The MYF of the Wesley Church presented a very fine concert in the Church Hall on the evenings of the 10th and 15th September. The programme was almost entirely made up of items presented by the members themselves and they are very much to be congratulated on the excellence of the items and the splendid programme which was presented. The chief item of the programme was a one-act play entitled "Three Pills In A Bottle" which was directed by Mrs. Celeste B. Amstutz. This little play, which was extremely well acted, tells a very beautiful story. The entire action revolves around a sick little boy whose hard-working mother finally saved £2 with which she bought three pills which would cure him. During his mother's absence at work, he speaks with various individuals who pass his window and then he meets the souls of these individuals, and to each he gives away one of his pills because of particular needs which they have. At the end of the play we see these individuals changed. It is a play which might well be presented by other MYF groups.

The audience in the Wesley Hall at the Play

The Wesley W.S.C.S. Bazaar. This annual bazaar was held on October 1st in the Wesley Hall and grounds. From 4 until 9 p.m. a large enthusiastic happy friendly crowd of people, more than a thousand in number, visited the bazaar, drank tea and ate food at the different stalls, and patronized the other stalls copiously filled with many attractive items. The weather was perfect and everything combined to make it one of the happiest occasions the Wesley W.S.C.S. has ever experienced. It was a beautiful sight to see the church ground filled with people representing all nationalities, children playing, adults visiting around the tea tables, and see this intermingling of races and Christian denominations. The nett income of the bazaar will be over $2,500/-.

Segamat

English Service. The Rev. S.M. Pandian baptized Mr. David Khaw Eng Chui, a military clerk in Batu Pahat, and his daughter Miss Khaw Lee Lian, on the 17th September, 1948. This service, which has been conducted for many years for English speaking residents of that area, was very well attended on this occasion.



The soul of the scrubwoman meets the sick boy

H. C. Lew

The Cast of the Play "Three Pills in a Bottle"

Miss Dorothy Moreton begins in this issue a page specially dedicated to our younger readers.

Our Boys and Girls

Christmas Presents

"CHRISTMAS will soon be here," said mother one day as she looked round the breakfast-table at her four children. "It is time that you began to think about making your presents, if you are going to get any ready this year."

The three elder children always made something for each other for a Christmas present, and something for Father and Mother too. They began many weeks beforehand, for they had to make most of the things when nobody else was looking. They liked the presents to be secrets. Mother generally helped them to decide what to make. "Can we begin to-day, Mother?" said Rex, the eldest boy. "I know what I am going to make for everybody; but I shan't tell."

Rex was eight. He had a box of paints of his own, and he had decided to draw some pictures on cardboard and colour them; then he was going to cut the cardboard into neat squares and make two little holes in the top of each to put ribbon through, so that the pictures could be hung up.

May was seven. She had lately learned to knit. She had bought herself two wooden knitting needles and some red wool with money which she had saved up.

"I know too what I am going to make," she said. "So you needn't help me to make up my mind, Mother. Oh yes, though, you must. For I only know what I am going to make for you. I don't know about my other presents yet."

May had decided to make a tea-pot holder for her mother. She couldn't start knitting herself; she was obliged to get her mother to cast on the stitches; but Mother didn't know what she was going to make.

"No, I won't ask," said Mother.

EVERYDAY May did a few rows of knitting, till she had made a square. She always asked Mother not to look at what she was doing. She did not mind the other children seeing. Amah finished it for her, and stitched a little ribbon loop on one corner, so that it could be hung up on the wall. When it was finished she counted her money that she had been saving up on purpose for presents. She found she had 12 cents. Four of these she used for some bright coloured wool. It is hard to say exactly what it was, for it was of many colours; it began with red and shaded off into blue and green and yellow and white. The woman in the shop called it some long name that sounded like "variegated" and said it made into very pretty balls. With another four cents she bought some paints, and with the rest she got some milk chocolate. On the way home she wanted very much to eat just a little bit of chocolate—quite a tiny bit would do, just to see if it was really nice! But she thought it would never do for her to eat part of a Christmas present she was planning for somebody else! So she put the little paper bag into her pocket and made up her mind not to look at it. She was a sensible little girl; for putting it in her pocket made her forget that she wanted to eat it.

She made a pretty ball with cardboard and the coloured wool for Nora, who was six. She painted a picture for Dick, who was five. And for Rex she made a little paper basket with strips of coloured paper, and put the chocolate into it. So her presents were well ready.

The difficulty had been to manage that the others should not see what was being made.

DORA was not able to make many things, as she was only six. She asked Mother's advice.

"I think," said Mother, "that you might make some necklaces with your coloured beads. You could do them quite by yourself, couldn't you?"

"Yes, that would do, I think," said Nora. But what about Father and Rex? Boys and men don't wear necklaces."

"No, I forgot that. Let me see. Could you write Father a letter in printing letters, and print a picture on the top of the paper? I am sure you would like that."

"Yes that would do for Father. But what shall I do for Rex?"

"Have you kept your four cents still that I gave you last week?

"Yes."

"Well, suppose you buy a nice lead pencil for Rex. He is so fond of drawing. I think he would like a pencil very much."

"Yes, I will."

AT LAST Christmas Day came. The children woke early, and they began thinking about their presents; but the rule in that household was, breakfast first, and then presents. When they were dressed, they found that Father and Mother had already been to Church.

"Why do you go to Church on Christmas Day Mother?" asked May.

"Because Christmas Day is the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we go to worship Him. I shall take you all with me this afternoon, and you will hear the carols.""

After breakfast there was great fun and excitement over the presents. There were parcels on everybody's plate, and nobody knew what was inside them till they were opened. I have not told you what all the things were, because it would take too long; but there were parcels for the servants, and there was something for the gardener's blind boy. I must just tell you what this was, before the story comes to an end. It was a little musical box which played four tunes. The children had bought it with their own money.

In the afternoon Mother took them to the Carol Service at Church, and there they heard about the first Christmas Day of all, when the Holy Child, Jesus, was born, long, long ago.

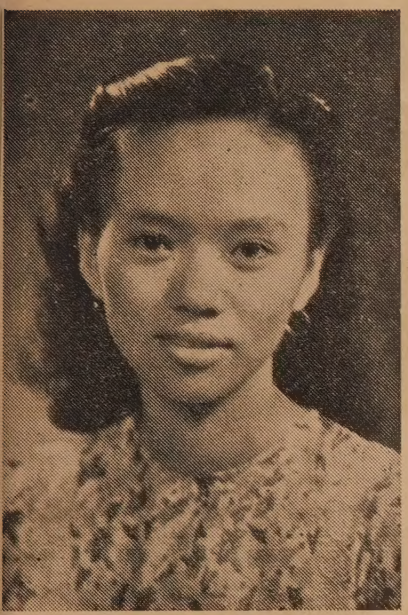
From "Stories To Tell To Children."

By MRS. H. C. CRADDOCK, Adapted.

MYF

What's Going On In the Malayan MYF

ERIC WEE



Miss Tan Joo Liat

Two Scholars from Straits Church MYF

WE TAKE THIS opportunity of congratulating two successful scholars of the Straits Chinese, MYF, namely, Mr. Lee Yong Kiat and Miss Tan Joo Liat.

Mr. Lee Yong Kiat has been awarded a six-year Government Scholarship to the King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore. As only three such scholarships are awarded on merit each year to medical students, this award comes as a great honour to Mr. Lee, his school (A.C.S., Singapore), and his church (Straits Chinese Methodist).

Mr. Lee had an exciting school career, and won many prizes and scholarships. He was awarded the Tan Jiak Kim Scholarship in 1947, and in the 1947 Cambridge School Certificate Examination he was second in the whole of Malaya. Mr. Lee also received the Seow Poh Leng Medal from his school, an award given to A.C.S. top boys.

Mr. Lee is the eldest son of the late Mr. Lee Choon Eng, who, before the war, was Headmaster of the Anglo-Chinese Middle School, Singapore, and later Principal of the A.C.S., Teluk Anson.

By being the A.C.S. top boy, Mr. Lee shows that history repeats itself. His father was also top boy in 1918. Like his father, Mr. Lee is a staunch supporter of the Straits Chinese Methodist Church, and is taking a prominent part in the activities of the Straits Chinese MYF. Besides being a brilliant all-round student, he is the Assistant Scoutmaster of the 11th Singapore Troop (A.C.S.).

Miss Tan Joo Liat has been a very active and loyal member of the Straits Chinese MYF as well as the Straits Chinese Choir. Her sincere service and regular attendance in the MYF and church show that she is an ardent Christian.

Miss Tan studied in the Methodist Girls' School, and created an unsurpassable record of "tops" during her school career. She was first girl in every form, from primary to senior. Science has been her favourite subject in school. She was awarded the Graham White Scholarship for science in 1947. This year she was awarded a Raffles College Scholarship for a three years' science course.

Miss Tan is the daughter of Madame Tan Swee Lan, who has been a faithful teacher in the M.G.S. for more than twenty years. Madame Tan was also a very bright student in school.

Congratulations—Sentul M.Y.F.

Just a few months after its birth in May this year, the Sentul MYF has issued its first News Bulletin which contains interesting and inspiring news of its work in Sentul.

Mr. William David the Secretary writes:—"With an impressive installation service, contributed by our minister Rev. P. Athimuthu, the Sentul MYF office bearers were installed on May 15th, 1948. The Rev. J. Appaduray gave a talk appropriate to the occasion. We have an enrolment of 32 boys and girls. Regular meetings are held weekly at the Sentul Methodist Boys' School hall on Saturdays at 5.30 pm. At these meetings we hear different speakers. Up to-date we have had eight Devotional meetings and two grand socials. The last week of every month is reserved for recreation when social and indoor games are held. The socials are always full of fun and are greatly enjoyed by our members. Cabinet meetings are held every month to discuss the work done by the MYF and to prepare the programme for the following month. The Counsellors have also been kind enough to be present at these meetings to guide and direct us. We have had full attendances at our meetings and we thank the members for their sincere co-operation."

We feel happy and proud that this youngest of our MYF's has done so well in the last few months and we feel confident that they will put "Christ Above All" before all youth in Sentul when we recall the words of Mr. N. Paul, their President, "Great responsibilities as Christian youths have been bestowed upon each and every one of us, and it is our duty to-day as members of the Sentul MYF, to contribute

Mr. Lee Yong Kiat

to the moral and spiritual betterment of youths in this Peninsula. Though these are days of strife, unrest, and uncertainty, it yet remains our duty as members of this Fellowship to bear the coming storm and sail onwards on our course with calm and tranquility as children of God."

News from Geylang Straits Chinese MYF

The Geylang Straits Chinese MYF has also had its quota of activities, and news of Devotional meetings, talent nights, ladies' evening, open discussions, picnics, campfires, literary meetings, and veteran's night add their contribution to the work of our MYF.

The excellent job these young people are doing can only be appreciated when we realise the understanding and tact necessary in dealing with young people from Straits Chinese homes and we congratulate the Cabinet for the way they are going about it. We look forward to the day when the Geylang Straits Chinese MYF will take a leading place in Singapore District activities and make their own valuable contribution to MYF work in Malaya.

Mr. and Mrs. Seah Yun Khong

Mr. Seah Yun Khong, one time President of Singapore District, and Mrs. Seah Yun Khong, both of whom are ex-President of the Straits Chinese MYF were accorded a rousing welcome by their Chapter on Saturday, 11th September 1948. Mr. Seah left Singapore in August 1946 for England on a Social Welfare Scholarship for Study in Youth Work at the London School of Economics. Mrs. Seah joined her husband in May 1947 and they have both successfully pursued their studies in

U.K. Not only is the Straits Chinese MYF proud of this couple but the whole Singapore District is happy to have them back once again.

This quotation from "Follow the Gleam" expresses the sentiments of his co-workers and friends, Mr. Seah was described as a "fire-brand" and a leader of sterling character with inexhaustible energy and tremendous organising power. Mrs. Seah, one of our prima donnas, though having to do the work of a man in her capacity as our President, soon after her husband left for England, had all the charming ways of a great and popular feminine leader. Deep was the grief and great the loss that we felt when they both left us for England. We have patiently waited all these long months, and now we are blessed with happy news of their long-expected return on September 4th. Whatever sorrow and disadvantage we might have suffered during their absence, they are nothing compared with the abounding joy and privilege of having them once more in our midst. We have high hopes that great things will happen on their return."

The Singapore District Cabinet of the MYF with the Rev. Theodore Doraisamy prior to his departure to America

News from Penang

"The Penang MYF is proud of the selection of one of its members for a scholarship offered by the Department of Social Welfare for a two-year course of study in Social Services in the United Kingdom. The person who has the distinction of winning the award is Mr. Khoo Oon Soo of the Penang MYF.

Kuala Lumpur MYF Members do Well

Congratulations to those members of the Kuala Lumpur MYF who passed their Normal Class examinations. No less than 37 got through their various examinations. In spite of this they still were able to carry on their share of the work in the MYF, which is certainly a very live chapter.

On 2nd October the Wesley MYF is planning yet another fair. Mr. Desmond Lee is the chairman of the organising committee and Mr. Sydney de Kretser the Business Manager. Proceeds will go towards the huilding of a Dyak hostel in Borneo. An excellent project worthy of all support.

Singapore District

The Singapore District Games Tournament which started last month has been successfully concluded. The Vice-President of the Singapore District, Mr. Victor Joseph, a veteran of the old Epworth League days. has put in all his experience in organising this Tournament and it is chiefly due to his untiring efforts and the co-operative spirit of all MYF'ers that the games proved to be so successful. Chapters showed an excellent spirit of co-operation by sending in representatives to all games even though they were fully aware that they did not stand a chance of winning. This spirit of playing for the sake of recreation, and participating for the sake of the game rather than that of winning, was well displayed and credit goes to our many MYF'ers for having learnt the lesson of being cheerful and good losers. Hard work on the part of Mr. Victor Joseph, who has always been keeping in the background, has resulted in two Challenge Cups being presented by Mr. Lim Chuan Geok J.P. and Dr. (Miss) Soo Kim Lan, O.B.E. The District owes them a debt of gratitude for their interest in the MYF. The Straits Chinese MYF certainly lived up to expectations when it virtually swept all the badminton events. The Table Tennis results proved to be evenly distributed among the chapters. It might be interesting to note that Mr. Lee Ik Chong of the Foochow MYF recently won the Championship of the Singapore Table Tennis Junior singles.

An intensive week of MYF propaganda throughout the island has been planned for the 2nd week of November. Not only will Chapters during that week go all out for a membership campaign but the District as a whole will launch out on a big programme. All Mission Schools will be visited by teams who will be given the opportunity of speaking on the MYF in Singapore, after which application forms will be distributed to interested boys and girls. It is hoped also to hold a Combined Service of Worship, two Cinema Shows and one Concert. At these application forms will be provided for all attending. The programme for the week is as follows:—

Nov. 6th—Cinema Show
" 7th—Combined Service of Worship
" 11th-12th—Variety Entertainment. Mrs. Celeste B. Amstutz will direct a play entitled "What Men Live By."
" 13th—Cinema Show
District MYF "AT HOME"

Tickets for the cinema shows will be priced at 50 cts. and for the Variety Entertainment $2 and $1.

Our Conference Secretary in America

En route on the Pennsylvania Railroad the Rev. T. R. Doraisamy has sent us news of his arrival in the U.S.A. "I have had a mad ten days seeing as much of America as I can. I have talked to two young peoples' groups and one adult group and was well received. I missed the Institute season. Please send my regards to all MYF'ers. Our voyage was most enjoyable as we had good company. We did a good bit of sightseeing at Los Angeles, Boulder, San Francisco, and then on my own in Chicago. I'll do New York in a day or two and go on to Boston for serious work. I have met one Conference Secretary and had a useful chat."

Wesley (Singapore) Elects New Cabinet

The Wesley MYF at its 3rd postwar election meeting held September 17 elected the leaders for 1949. The new Cabinet is:

President: Yong Nen Khiong. Vice-President: Chen Chi Wei. Secretary: Miss Goh Chor Jee. Treasurer: Syn Wai Yun. 1st Commisioon Chairman; Miss Wong Shuk Moy. 2nd Commission Chairman: Miss Pansy Yee. 3rd Commission Chairman: Wilson Richards. 4th Commission Chairman: Wee Keng Por. Sports Captain: Koo Pak Chin. Librarian: Choo Teck Woo. Pianists: Misses Anna Yong and Hang Deh Hua. Auditor: Teo Tye Hin. Counsellors: Lim Wee Pian and Miss Ruth Pereira. Ex-officio: Rev. W. S. Reinoehl, pastor of Wesley Church.

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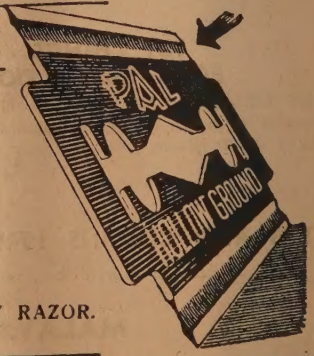

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